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SUBJ: DELAY IN OFFLOADING OF USAID-SPONSORED GRAIN
SORGHUM FOR SAHEL

1. HORST MUELLER, OF TRANSPORT MARITIME UNION (MONTREAL)
COMPLAINED MARCH 10 TO EMBASSY OF DELAY ENCOUNTERED BY TMU
FREIGHTER "DENEbola" IN OFFLOADING USAID-SPONSORED GRAIN
SORGHUM IN APAPA. CARGO CONSISTS OF 8,000 METRIC TONS GRAINS
SORGHUM, IN BULK, DESTINED FOR DROUGHT RELIEF IN NIGER AND CHAD.

2. COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR OFFLOADING GRAIN IS FLOUR MILLS
OF NIGERIA LTD., WHICH IS UNDER USAID CONTRACT TO OFFLOAD, BAG,
AND STORE GRAIN IN APAPA PORT PENDING TRANSHIPMENT BY LAND TO
DROUGHT AREA. DELAY IN OFFLOADING "DENEbola" DUE TO FACT THAT
COMPANY HAS GIVEN FIRFT PRIORITY TO ONE OF ITS OWN SHIPS
WHICH IT ASSERTS ARRIVED FIRST, CARRYING GRAIN DESTINED FOR
ITS FLOUR MILL. COMPANY OWNS WHARF AND THUS HAS CONTROL OVER
ORDER OF OFFLOADING.

3. MUELLER CLAIMS THAT TMU IS UNDER USDA CONTRACT WHICH
GUARANTEES HIM FIRST PRIORITY FOR OFFLOADING GRAIN AT
FLOUR MILLS WHARF, AND INTERPRETS THIS INCIDENT AS BREACH
OF CONTRACT BY USDA. GENERAL MANAGER OF NIGERIA FLOUR MILLS
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(MR. SHERRY) ON OTHER HAND, CONTENTS THAT ACCORDING TO VERBAL

AGREEMENT WITH USDA OFFICIALS, HE OBLIGATED ONLY (A) TO GIVE FIRST PRIORITY TO TMU SHIPMENTS OVER SHIPS NOT OWNED BY FLOUR MILLS; AND (B) TO ENSURE THAT TMU SHIPS ARE IN AND OUT OF APAPA WITHIN 10 DAYS. BOTH CONDITIONS, HE SAYS, WILL BE MET. VERBAL AGREEMENT REFERRED TO ABOVE SUPPOSEDLY MADE IN MARCH 12-13 MEETING AT ABIDJAN BETWEEN SHERRY AND USDA REPS MAXWELL AND JAMES. THERE IS NO REFERENCE IN USAID-FLOUR MILLS AGREEMENT TO FIRST PRIORITY PRIVILEGES.

4. EMBASSY'S PRIMARY CONCERN IN THIS DISPUTE HAS BEEN DELAY IN SHIPMENT OF BADLY NEEDED GRAIN TO NORTHERN DROUGHT AREAS. TRANSMIPPEN ALRAINE, ESTIMATES DELAY WILL RETARD DELIVERY BY APPROXIMATELY FOUR DAYS.

5. HOWEVER, WE ALSO WISH ALERT USDA OF THIS CONTRACTUAL PROBLEM IN EVENT TRANSPORT MARITIME UNION ELECTS (AS MUELLER HAS THREATENED) TO IMPOSE DEMURRAGE CHARGES ON USDA FOR TIME DELAYED IN APAPA PORT.
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